

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 4, please rewrite the entire paragraph beginning on line 16 and ending on line 20 as follows:

—in inhalation, the air is sucked in through the intake 11 of the tracheal cannula 1 and is conveyed into the lungs. When exhaling a valve, ~~not shown,~~ 30 closes the cannula 1, so that the air stream escapes through the membrane-protected window 4 into the larynx 10 and the patient is rendered able to speak.—